

Grand Teton National Park

2003 Fire Education & Information Summary



Fire Effects monitors assist with a school program at Kelly Elementary

Fire Stories

Grand Teton National Park contributed material each month to the National Park Service's FireNet web page at www.nps.gov/fire/success/2003/index.htm. The articles highlight activities from the 2003 program. Additionally, the fire stories appear on the park's web page at www.nps.gov/grte/fire/firestories.htm.

Community Outreach

Two Student Conservation Association Fire Education Corps interns worked with interagency fire managers from early June through mid-November. Their internship included public education through community events, home evaluations, a newspaper insert, and a local fuels reduction project. In addition to the contacts made by the Fire Education Corps, Grand Teton National Park was able to provide fire education program support at five public events.

PSAs

A series of eight public service announcements aired throughout the summer on two local radio stations. The PSAs provided information on creating defensible space in wildland-urban interface areas, and they gave listeners resources for further information. Three 3"x5" interagency newspaper advertisements ran from May through July and focused on fire prevention and preparedness.

School Programs

Nine school programs were presented in the area this year, targeting 1,012 students in lessons covering fire safety, fire ecology, and interagency cooperation. Two Project Learning Tree workshops were presented in the Jackson area, offering teachers, agency representatives, and ski school instructors lessons and materials for teaching the role of fire in the ecosystem.

Web Information

Grand Teton National Park's web page continues to expand to include a more comprehensive overview of the fire program. Visitors to the web site have access to information on a variety of fire education, prevention, and information topics through fire links.

Fire News

Fires within the park's boundary were posted on the new Fire News section of www.nps.gov/fire. This web link is a source of updates on fires and projects throughout the National Park Service. Grand Teton's submissions were also posted on the Fire & Aviation section of InsideNPS.

Recruiting

Brochures were developed to describe summer employment opportunities in the Fire Management program and explain the application processes. They were included in informational letters sent to over 50 forestry schools and fire science programs nationwide. Information on fire jobs in the park is now posted on Grand Teton's web page at www.nps.gov/grte/fire/firejobs.htm.



A Project Learning Tree participant explores the lessons on the Burning Issues Multimedia CD

2003 Community Outreach Program Statistics

The Grand Teton National Park Fire Education program was able to provide interagency fire information at a number of community events and fire incidents. A wide range of audiences and age groups were contacted through the outreach programs.

Event	Date	Attendance / Contacts
Project Learning Tree Workshop	January 13-14	22 / 22
Jackson Hole Mountain Resort Ske-Cology Workshop	January 14	23 / 23
Teton County Lawn and Garden Workshop	March 20	35 / 21
Fire Management Public Scoping Open House	April 24	13 / 13
Grand Teton National Park Safety Day	May 15	175 / 25
Teton County Elementary School 50 Truck Day	May 23	725 / 375
Kelly School Fire Effects School Program	May 29	18 / 18
Independence Day Parade	July 4	5000 / 1036
Wilson Fire Department Chicken Fry	July 20	3500 / 258
Teton County Fair	July 25-27	3000 / 125
Hoback Fire Department Rib Fest	August 9	1100 / 316
Community Fuels Project	August 25-26	55 households / 15 households
Wyoming Game & Fish Hunting and Fishing Expo	September 5-6	8000 / 482
Moran Fire Department BBQ	September 7	1250 / 222
Jackson Hole News & Guide Newspaper Insert	September 17	11,000 / unknown
Congo Basin Study Team Presentation	September 23	15 / 15
University of Wyoming Recruiting Trip	October 30-31	1000 / 58
Communities / Services 3rd grade School Programs	October 14,17,21	54 / 54
Field Observations 2nd grade School Program	October 14-15	42 / 42
SCA Board of Director's Annual Meeting	October 24	40 / 40
C Bar V Ranch School Program	November 7	31 / 31
Teton Science School Young Women in Science Program	November 13	10 / 10
Ongoing Events	Date	Attendance / Contacts
Newspaper Advertisements	May - August	11,000 / unknown
Radio Public Service Announcements	July - September	10,000 + / unknown
Interpretive Campfire Programs on Fire	June - September	24 programs / 840 attended
Interpretive <i>Fire & Ice</i> Programs on Jackson Lake	June - September	67 programs / 2415 attended

Fire Name	Location	Fire Information
Dry Lakes Complex	Gila National Forest, NM	June 14 - 20
East Table Fire	Bridger-Teton National Forest, WY	July 13 - 18
NIFC External Affairs	National Interagency Fire Center, ID	July 20 - 21
Hot Creek Fire	Boise National Forest, ID	July 22 - 27
Blacktail Fire	Grand Teton National Park, WY	August 10 - 15
Moss Ridge Fire Use Complex	Grand Teton National Park and Bridger-Teton National Forest, WY	August 17 - September 3
Robert Megaplex	Glacier National Park and Flathead National Forest, MT	September 4 - 18

Student Conservation Association Fire Education Corps



An SCA intern poses with Smokey Bear after the July 4th parade

Two Fire Education Corps interns, in cooperation with Grand Teton National Park, Bridger- Teton National Forest, and Jackson/Teton County Fire Department, worked in the Jackson, Wyoming area from June through mid- November 2003.

Media

A key project during the internship was working with the *Jackson Hole News & Guide* to prepare an eight - page newspaper insert. The supplement, entitled *Wildland Fire: Fueling Community Knowledge*, was published in mid- September and covered topics such as implementing defensible space practices, fuels reduction management options, and both current and scheduled interagency fuels projects. The newspaper has a circulation of approximately 11,000 copies, reaching both local readers and out - of - state subscribers. The *Jackson Hole News & Guide* also did a feature story on the community fuels reduction project organized by the Fire Education Corps.

Events

The interns prepared for and attended a number of local community events. A variety of displays on loan from the National Interagency Fire Center were used as backdrops at the sites. The interns set up and staffed the displays, answered questions, and distributed literature on defensible space practices.

Fuels Reduction Project

A fuels reduction project was implemented to help homeowners in the Snow King Estates and Ridge Addition subdivisions clear their property of hazard fuel. Fifteen households from the two subdivisions participated, clearing brush, small diameter trees, and dead and downed wood from their lots. The interns made arrangements for the equipment and physical labor to haul away the debris, and with interagency

assistance, collected and disposed of 15 dump truck loads of woody debris, totaling 23 tons.

Home Evaluations

Though canvassing was not a major goal of the program this season, the Fire Education Corps was available for assessing residential properties in the wildland-urban interface. The evaluations involved touring homeowners' properties, assessing critical factors, and making recommendations for creating defensible space. Eighteen home assessments were completed this season.

Fire Information

Assistance was provided at several local fire events this summer. During the East Table Fire located on the Bridger- Teton National Forest, the interns worked at the Interagency Information Center in Jackson. They also built a fire information board to be used at a community event where there was high interest in the fire. During the Moss Ridge Fire Use Complex, the interns built additional fire information boards, ran information "traplines," and provided updates at a temporary roadside fire information station.



SCA Fire Education Corps intern provides fire information at the Wilson Volunteer Fire Department Chicken Fry